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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN-BANGLADESH RELATIONS

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I CALLED ON FOREIGN SECRETARY FAKHRUDDIN AHMED TODAY
AND CONVEYED YOUR MESSAGE ABOUT YOUR CONVERSATION
WITH BHUTTO CONCERNING NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BE-
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TWEEN PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH. FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID

IT WAS GOOD OF YOU TO HAVE SPOKEN TO BHUTTO ABOUT THIS
AND SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH THAT FACT THAT A RESPONSE
HAD BEEN MADE. HE SAID THAT THEY HAD ASKED THE SWISS
EARLIER TO CONVEY A MESSAGE TO GOP ALONG THESE LINES BUT
THERE HAD BEEN NO RESPONSE ON THAT OCCASION. HE SAID THEY WOULD
NOW FOLLOW UP THROUGH THE SWISS, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS
THEIR "USUAL CHANNEL," AND PROPOSE DETAILS FOR A MEETING
WITH GOP. HE ASKED IF I THOUGHT WE SHOULD ALSO CONVEY
THIS MESSAGE TO GOP IN PARALLEL WITH SWISS. WHEN I SAID
I THOUGHT WE WOULD WANT TO PROCEED AS BDG THOUGHT BEST,
HE LEFT IT THAT THEY WOULD USE ONLY THE SWISS CHANNEL
THIS TIME AND THANKED US AGAIN FOR OUR HELP. BOSTER
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